



“We, the People” Through Primary Documents

A Teacher Workshop Sponsored by the Library of Virginia and the Center for the Constitution

Thursday, September 23, 2010

at the Library of Virginia

8:30 AM–5:00 PM

What role did Virginians play in the founding of the United States? What were their contributions to the nation's founding documents: the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights? These and other questions will be explored during the “We, the People” Through Primary Documents” workshop. Teachers will spend the morning with Professor John P. Kaminski, historian, founder, and director of the Center for the Study of the American Constitution at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Staff members from the Library of Virginia will demonstrate lesson plans and share resources from the “Shaping the Constitution” Web portal, which makes available digital copies of important documents from the Library of Virginia and the Library of Congress related to America's Founding Era and the United States Constitution. In the afternoon, teachers will learn techniques for teaching the *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* curriculum using primary documents.

There is no charge for accepted participants. Lunch will be provided. Participants will receive a certificate for eight hours that may be used toward recertification credits. Sessions will take place at the Library of Virginia, 800 E. Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23219-8000. For more information or to register, please contact Evan Liddiard, educational assistant, at 804.692.3999, or e-mail at evan.liddiard@lva.virginia.gov.

About the Sponsors

We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution is a nationally acclaimed civic education program focusing on the history and principles of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. The program is administered nationally by the Center for Civic Education, a nonpartisan organization funded by the U.S. Department of Education by an act of Congress. The Center for the Constitution at James Madison's Montpelier is proud to be the Virginia sponsor.

The Library of Virginia (www.lva.virginia.gov), located in historic downtown Richmond, holds the world's most extensive collection of material about the Old Dominion and has been a steward of the commonwealth's documentary and printed heritage since 1823. The story of Virginia and Virginians has been told in many ways since 1607. At the Library of Virginia it is told through more than 110 million manuscripts and more than 2 million books, serials, bound periodicals, microfilm reels, newspapers, and state and federal documents, each an individual tile in the vast and colorful mosaic of Virginia's experience.

Online registration also available at www.lva.virginia.gov/lib-edu/education/registration.htm.

